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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are the specification and claims of the nonprovisional patent application of:

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LIQUID DROP JET HEAD, INK CARTRIDGE AND INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS
Title of Invention

APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1. X Specification, total pages 67 including:
 - a. 10 pages of claims (1-25)
 - b. 1 page(s) Abstract
2. X 20 sheets of informal X formal drawings (Figs. 1-22)
3. X Oath or declaration of Applicant(s) (3 total pages)
 - a. Newly executed (original)
 - b. Unexecuted
 - c. X Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Item 14 completed)
4. Deletion of Inventor(s)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5. X Incorporation By Reference
The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7. An assignment (cover sheet & document(s))
8. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
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10. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
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11. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment
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13. ___ Applicant(s) hereby establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27
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15. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line of page one: --This is a Rule 1.53(b) continuation and claims the benefit of priority, of application Serial No. 10/102,464 filed March 20, 2002.--
16. ☒ Priority of application No. 2001-093574 filed in Japan on March 28, 2001. Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119.
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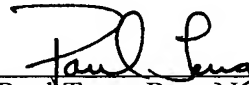
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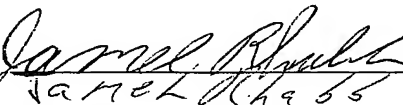
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